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Overview

19.1 The programme is under the responsibility of the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE).

19.2 The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 36 (IV), established ECE and assigned to it responsibilities for coordinating and promoting international economic cooperation in Europe. Further direction to the programme is provided by the workplan on ECE reform (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1), adopted by the Commission on 2 December 2005. Taking into account also the role of the regional commissions as set out in Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46 and the goals and commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration (General Assembly resolution 60/1) and in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the main objectives of the ECE work programme for the period 2008-2009 will be: (a) to promote the economic integration of ECE countries at the pan-European level, taking into account the enlargement of the European Union and the various integration initiatives under way in the eastern part of the ECE region; (b) to foster sustainable development and promote economic prosperity in the countries of the region by, in particular, promoting the conditions for sustained growth and trade and improving the environment; and (c) to contribute to the economic and environmental dimensions of security in Europe.

19.3 The ECE reform resulted in a major restructuring of the programme of work, with substantial programme shifts based on priorities agreed upon by ECE member States. The reform also streamlined the ECE governance structure, which in turn provides for more accountability and transparency. It further emphasized the need to strengthen cooperation with other organizations (both within and outside the United Nations) active in the region in order to maximize synergy, avoid duplication and ensure effective complementarity of work.

19.4 The revised ECE programme of work is designed around eight subprogrammes, namely, environment, transport, statistics, sustainable energy, trade, timber and forestry, housing, land management and population, and the newly established subprogramme on economic cooperation and integration aimed at promoting sustained growth, innovation for development and higher competitiveness, in particular in countries of the region with economies in transition. The core strategy focuses on the negotiation and implementation of conventions, norms, standards and guidelines; the organization of policy debate and the exchange of experience in the key areas of ECE work, including supporting policy analysis, studies and statistics; the provision of technical assistance and policy advice; and capacity-building to support the implementation of the ECE norms and standards in countries with economies in transition. Moreover, the implementation of the core strategy will contribute not only to economic integration in the region as a whole, but also to a reduction in disparities and the prevention of the emergence of new dividing lines in Europe. The normative work of ECE will promote greater regulatory compatibility among ECE member States throughout the region. Furthermore, it will have a positive impact on the rest of the world, as many ECE-developed agreements and standards (in particular in the areas of transport, trade facilitation, statistics, energy and environmental protection) become more accepted for use in countries of other regions.

19.5 In line with ECE reform, more attention will be given to promoting intersectoral activities, particularly in the areas of transport and environment, trade and transport, energy and transport, and energy and environment. Particular attention will also be paid to the gender dimension of development as it relates to the agreed conclusions on women in the economy adopted at the ECE regional 10-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action.

19.6 The policy debate and exchange of experiences within ECE will facilitate the identification of best policies for strengthening subregional and regional integration and monitoring progress made in the region on achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium

Development Goals, as well as supporting their effective implementation within the work areas of ECE.

19.7 Technical cooperation activities of ECE will focus on Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, and South-Eastern Europe. They will aim at improving national capacity to implement legally binding instruments and other regional standards and finding solutions to transboundary problems. Following the new impetus provided by the International Conference on Strengthening Subregional Economic Cooperation in Central Asia and the Future Role of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, held in Astana in May 2005, the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia, jointly executed with the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), will be further strengthened in each of the agreed areas of cooperation.

19.8 ECE will continue to integrate the security dimension in its relevant subprogrammes with a view to contributing to the review and implementation of those commitments that correspond to its areas of expertise, as agreed in the memorandum of understanding with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and in the workplan set up between the two organizations.

19.9 The expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement for ECE in the biennium 2008-2009 are set out, together with required resources, under the programme of work, as well as under executive direction and management.

19.10 The issue of publications as part of the programme of work has been reviewed in the context of each subprogramme. It is anticipated that recurrent and non-recurrent publications will be issued as shown in table 19.1 below (see also the output information for each subprogramme).

Table 19.1 **Summary of publications**

Publications	*2004-2005 actual*	*2006-2007 estimate*	*2008-2009 estimate*
Recurrent	77	54	71
Non-recurrent	46	81	94
Total	**123**	**135**	**165**

19.11 The overall resources required for the biennium 2008-2009 for this section amount to $57,110,000, before recosting, reflecting: (a) a net decrease of $83,600 under post resources for subprogramme 3, Statistics, which relates to the proposed establishment of one post for an Associate Statistician at the P-2 level to support the strengthening of the methodological work called for in the ECE reform programme and the implementation of methodological activities related to price statistics and short-term economic statistics, and the proposed abolition of one General Service (Other level) post; and (b) a net increase of $83,600 under non-post resources, which relates mainly to an overall increase in official travel of staff in order to meet increasing demand to participate in environment-related meetings in locations where the use of the Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible; and supplies and materials, furniture and equipment in order to replace obsolete office automation equipment, offset by an overall decrease under consultants and experts.

19.12 During the biennium 2008-2009, the projected extrabudgetary resources of $23,745,200, or 29.3 per cent of the total resources available to this programme, will be utilized to supplement resources from the regular budget, primarily to finance the organization of workshops, seminars and symposiums for the countries in the region, particularly in countries with economies in transition; to support the implementation of the conventions on the environment adopted within the framework of ECE; to support cooperative agreements signed by various ECE member States on

transport; and to share best practices and stimulate contacts in various other areas of the programme of work.

19.13 Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/269, resources identified for monitoring and evaluation would amount to $951,800, funded entirely from the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009, reflected under executive direction and management and under each subprogramme. Findings from evaluations are used to readjust the direction and methods of work and in the preparation of results statements for the programme performance report.

19.14 In its resolution 60/248, the General Assembly welcomed the workplan on reform of ECE adopted by the Commission in its decision of 2 December 2005, decided that the Commission should implement the adopted measures outlined in its decision and, to that end, requested the Secretary-General to allocate the requisite resources within section 19 of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. Pursuant to the recommendations of the Commission, as subsequently endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, the Secretariat revised the programme of work of the Commission for the biennium 2006-2007 during 2006 and redistributed the approved post and non-post resources among the revised subprogrammes. Programmatic adjustments proposed in the report of the Secretary-General on revisions to the biennial programme plan for 2006-2007 (A/61/125) were considered by the Assembly in its resolution 61/235. The redistribution of resources was carried out within the level of resources approved by the Assembly at its sixtieth session under section 19 of the programme budget for 2006-2007. Those redeployments were subsequently reported in the context of the first performance report on the budget (A/61/593) and approved by the Assembly in its resolution 61/253.

19.15 The percentage distribution of resources under this section would be as shown in table 19.2.

Table 19.2 **Distribution of resources by component**

(Percentage)

Component	*Regular budget*	*Extrabudgetary*
A. Policymaking organs	—	—
B. Executive direction and management	10.3	0.1
C. Programme of work		
Environment	15.8	50.9
Transport	17.5	15.1
Statistics	13.4	1.0
Economic cooperation and integration	6.8	1.3
Sustainable energy	5.8	21.8
Trade	11.5	0.9
Timber and forestry	3.3	0.5
Housing, land management and population	2.7	3.2
Subtotal C	**76.9**	**94.7**
D. Programme support	12.8	5.2
Total	**100.0**	**100.0**

Table 19.3 **Resource requirements by component**

(Thousands of United States dollars)

(1) *Regular budget*

Component	*2004-2005 expenditure*	*2006-2007 appropriation*	*Resource growth*		*Total before recosting*	*Recosting*	*2008-2009 estimate*
			Amount	*Percentage*			
A. Executive direction and management	4 561.8	5 875.3	—	—	5 875.3	259.2	6 134.5
B. Programme of work	43 307.6	43 932.0	—	—	43 932.0	1 965.3	45 897.3
C. Programme support	6 770.0	7 302.7	—	—	7 302.7	271.8	7 574.5
Subtotal	**54 639.4**	**57 110.0**	**—**	**—**	**57 110.0**	**2 496.3**	**59 606.3**

(2) *Extrabudgetary*

	2004-2005 expenditure	*2006-2007 estimate*	*2008-2009 estimate*
A. Executive direction and management	212.2	26.4	20.3
B. Programme of work	15 009.5	21 937.8	22 491.5
C. Programme support	1 626.5	1 502.8	1 233.4
Subtotal	**16 848.2**	**23 467.0**	**23 745.2**
Total (1) and (2)	**71 487.6**	**80 577.0**	**83 351.5**

Table 19.4 **Post requirements**

Category	*Established regular budget posts*		*Temporary posts*				*Total*	
			Regular budget		*Extrabudgetary*			
	2006-2007	*2008-2009*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Professional and above								
USG	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-2	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	1
D-1	9	9	—	—	—	—	9	9
P-5	23	23	—	—	5	3	28	26
P-4/3	65	65	—	—	9	12	74	77
P-2/1	20	21	—	—	3	2	23	23
Subtotal	**119**	**120**	**—**	**—**	**17**	**17**	**136**	**137**
General Service								
Principal level	6	6	—	—	—	—	6	6
Other level	70	69	—	—	5	5	75	74
Subtotal	**76**	**75**	**—**	**—**	**5**	**5**	**81**	**80**
Total	**195**	**195**	**—**	**—**	**22**	**22**	**217**	**217**

19.16 Unlike the practice for the other regional commissions, resources for administration and conference and general services for ECE are not included under its own programme budget. The resources associated with those requirements are administered by the United Nations Office at Geneva and are consolidated under section 28E, Administration, Geneva, in respect of administration and general services, and under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, in respect of conference-servicing costs.

19.17 In order to permit a comparison among regional commissions while at the same time maintaining the advantages of integrated management and avoiding duplication of effort, the estimated resources (at current rates) to be provided by the United Nations Office at Geneva to ECE for general, administrative, conference and library services during the biennium 2008-2009 are summarized in table 19.5.

Table 19.5 **Administrative, conference and general services for 2008-2009**

(United States dollars)

Administrative and general services	9 644 700
Conference and library services	16 357 300
Total	**26 002 000**

A. Policymaking organs

19.18 The governance structure of ECE has been reformed in accordance with the workplan on ECE reform (E/ECE/1434/Rev.1) adopted by ECE member States on 2 December 2005 and by the General Assembly in its resolution 60/248. The Commission, which reports to the Economic and Social Council, provides strategic direction to the work of the ECE Secretariat and is a forum for high-level policy dialogue on economic development for the region. It meets once every two years for three working days. In the intersessional period, the Executive Committee is entrusted with the implementation of the overall policy set by the Commission. It meets regularly and as often as necessary to perform its governance role through, inter alia, the review and approval of programmes of work and subsidiary structures of the sectoral committees, ensuring coherence and coordination among subprogrammes. The eight sectoral committees act as governing bodies for the eight subprogrammes: the Committee on Environmental Policy (subprogramme 1); the Inland Transport Committee (subprogramme 2); the Conference of European Statisticians (subprogramme 3); the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration (subprogramme 4); the Committee on Sustainable Energy (subprogramme 5); the Committee on Trade, (subprogramme 6); the Timber Committee (subprogramme 7); and the Committee on Housing and Land Management (subprogramme 8). These bodies meet for two to three days annually to provide guidance to ECE on work relating to their respective sectors.

19.19 The Group of Experts on the Programme of Work has been disbanded as a result of the reform of the governance structure of ECE. The Executive Committee has assumed its responsibilities in accordance with the workplan on ECE reform.

B. Executive direction and management

Resource requirements (before recosting): $5,875,300

19.20 In order to fulfil its responsibilities in terms of executive direction and overall management of ECE, the Office of the Executive Secretary has the following functions:

(a) To feed the debate on the strategic direction of ECE and to develop a forward-looking strategy for adjusting ECE activities to respond to emerging and foreseeable needs and priorities of its member States;

(b) To coordinate and prepare the ECE biennial programme plan and priorities and the programme budget; to ensure efficient and inclusive processes for the planning, monitoring and evaluation of the subprogrammes; and to encourage the undertaking of self-evaluations and the use of evaluation findings;

(c) To service meetings of the Commission and its Executive Committee, including preparation of relevant documentation; to ensure an interface between the Executive Committee and the bureaux of the sectoral committees; and to ensure follow-up to decisions of the Commission and the Executive Committee;

(d) To ensure and report on the implementation of the ECE reform programme and the resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council that are relevant to the work of ECE, including the regional follow-up to United Nations global conferences and events, in accordance with the Commission's role as a regional outpost of the United Nations, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1998/46;

(e) To contribute, in close cooperation with the other regional commissions, to the United Nations reform discussion and implementation, in particular in relation to improving system-wide coherence in United Nations development work;

(f) To cooperate and coordinate with other international organizations and United Nations departments, in particular within the framework of relevant inter-agency coordination processes;

(g) To contribute to relevant reports of the Secretary-General for the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and other bodies and to provide other inputs requested by United Nations Headquarters;

(h) To foster relationships with member Governments and keep abreast of the needs and priorities of ECE member States;

(i) To foster gender mainstreaming in ECE subprogrammes;

(j) To provide guidance and direction for the work of the secretariat; to increase transparency and interdivisional cooperation; to improve the process for budget preparation and human resources management; to ensure compliance with the Performance Appraisal System; to issue guidelines and directives for the substantive divisions of the secretariat; and to provide clearance for ECE publications and key documents prepared for the sectoral committees and other subsidiary bodies of ECE.

19.21 The executive direction and management component comprises the Office of the Executive Secretary, the Information Unit and the Programme Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit. The Information Unit, which comprises one P-4 post and one General Service (Other level) post, works to increase the visibility of ECE and to increase knowledge about and use of ECE products through the dissemination of information about its activities to the ECE membership and the public at

large. Such dissemination is carried out through various channels, such as publications, the Internet and contact with the media.

Table 19.6 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To ensure full implementation of legislative mandates and compliance with United Nations policies and procedures with respect to the management of the programme of work and of staff and financial resources.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Programme of work is effectively managed	(a) (i) Timely delivery of outputs *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 92 per cent output delivery by end of biennium Estimate 2006-2007: 93 per cent output delivery by end of biennium Target 2008-2009: 93 per cent output delivery by end of biennium (ii) Number of actions taken to promote intersectoral cooperation and/or cross-sectoral coherence in the work of ECE *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 4 actions taken Estimate 2006-2007: 5 actions taken Target 2008-2009: 5 actions taken
(b) Timely recruitment and placement of staff	(b) Reduction in the average number of days a Professional post remains vacant *Performance measures* (Average number of days a Professional post remains vacant) 2004-2005: 244 days Estimate 2006-2007: 220 days Target 2008-2009: 200 days
(c) Improved geographical representation and gender balance of staff	(c) (i) Increased percentage of staff recruited to regular budget posts from unrepresented and underrepresented member States

	Performance measures 2004-2005: 0 per cent Estimate 2006-2007: 12 per cent Target 2008-2009: 20 per cent (ii) Increased percentage of women at the Professional level and above with appointments of one year or more *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 28 per cent Estimate 2006-2007: 30 per cent Target 2008-2009: 32 per cent
(d) Increased timeliness of submission of documentation	(d) Increased percentage of pre-session documents submitted in accordance with the required deadline *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 73 per cent Estimate 2006-2007: 75 per cent Target 2008-2009: 78 per cent
(e) Enhanced policy coherence in the management of ECE activities in relation to other entities (United Nations and non-United Nations)	(e) Number of new initiatives taken to increase the effectiveness of cooperation and coherence between ECE and other entities (United Nations and non-United Nations) *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 4 new initiatives Estimate 2006-2007: 5 new initiatives Target 2008-2009: 5 new initiatives
(f) Better awareness of the work of ECE and access to information thereon, by ECE member States and other stakeholders	(f) Increased number of downloads of documents from the ECE website *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 66.3 million downloads Estimate 2006-2007: 86 million downloads Target 2008-2009: 100 million downloads

External factors

19.22 The objectives and expected accomplishments under executive direction and management are expected to be achieved on the assumption that: (a) there are no major shortfalls in funding that might affect the assistance provided, the recruitment of staff and the timely delivery of products and services; (b) there is active participation and support of ECE member States; and (c) other organizations are willing and able to cooperate.

Outputs

19.23 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic Commission for Europe:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: biennial session of the Commission (5); sessions of the Executive Committee (20); meetings on regional progress in the follow-up to the 10-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (4); meetings relating to follow-up of global conferences or cross-sectoral issues (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents for meetings of the Executive Committee (60); documents for meetings relating to global conferences or to cross-sectoral issues (2); documents for the biennial session of the Commission, including one on gender and the economy (8); report of the biennial session of the Commission (1); documents for meetings on regional progress in the follow-up to the 10-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (5);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: catalogue of ECE publications (2); Compendium of Legal Instruments, Norms and Standards (2); ECE annual report (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: Women's Access to Economic and Financial Resources and their Role in Economic Growth in Central Asia and the South Caucasus (1);

(iii) Fact-finding missions: good offices and special missions, including on behalf of the Secretary-General (2);

(iv) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: "UNECE Weekly"; "What UNECE Does for You" (2); video clip on ECE (2); other information materials (12);

(v) Press releases, press conferences: press conferences on ECE activities (2); press releases on ECE activities (2);

(vi) Technical material: maintenance of gender website (2); maintenance of website providing access to information and documents related to ECE as a whole (2);

(vii) Contribution to joint outputs: contribution of substantive inputs to various reports for the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and related bodies (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary): training courses, seminars and workshops: expert meetings on mainstreaming gender into economic policies (under the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia group on gender and economy, financed through an approved United Nations Development Account project as well as the ECE trust fund);

(d) Conference services, administration, oversight (regular budget):

(i) Programme planning, budget and accounts: coordination and preparation of the ECE biennial programme plan and programme budget;

(ii) Evaluations: promotion of the undertaking of self-evaluations and the use of evaluation findings;

(iii) Preparation and administration of the programme of publications.

Table 19.7 **Resource requirements: executive direction and management**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009 (before recosting)*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Regular budget				
Post	5 352.0	5 352.0	17	17
Non-post	523.3	523.3	—	—
Subtotal	**5 875.3**	**5 875.3**	**17**	**17**
Extrabudgetary	26.4	20.3	—	—
Total	**5 901.7**	**5 895.6**	**17**	**17**

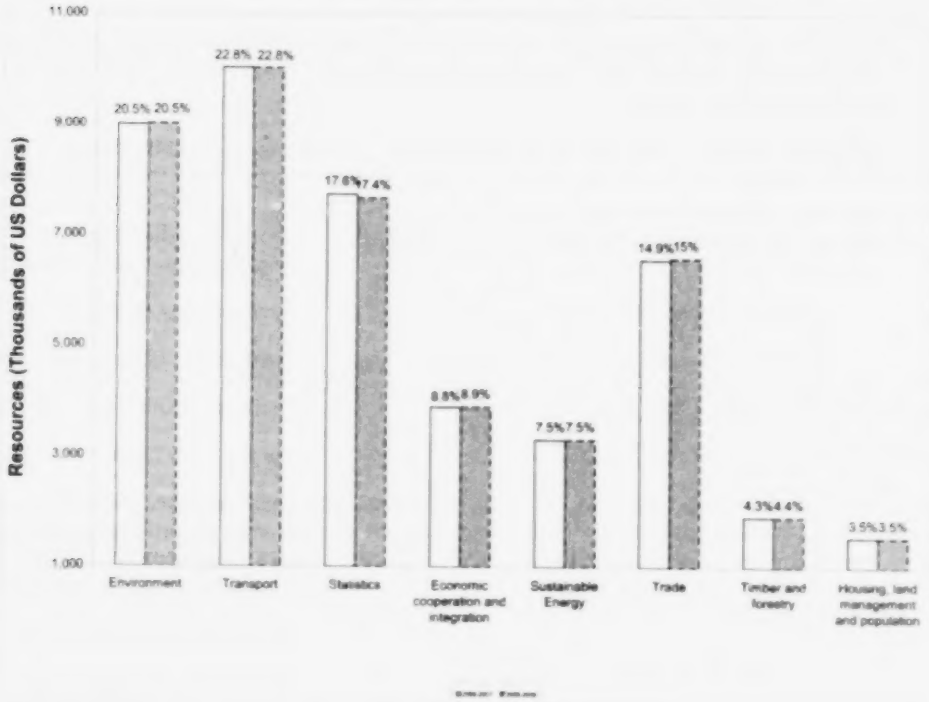
19.24 The amount of $5,875,300 is required for the continuation of 17 posts in the Office of the Executive Secretary, the Information Unit and the Programme Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, and related non-post resources for consultants and experts, travel of staff, contractual services and hospitality.

C. Programme of work

Table 19.8 **Resource requirements by subprogramme**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Subprogramme	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009 (before recosting)*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Regular budget				
1. Environment	8 985.6	9 002.8	32	32
2. Transport	10 023.9	10 019.0	37	37
3. Statistics	7 733.1	7 665.6	29	29
4. Economic cooperation and integration	3 887.0	3 894.1	13	13
5. Sustainable energy	3 299.4	3 305.1	11	11
6 Trade	6 555.8	6 591.6	24	24
7. Timber and forestry	1 908.6	1 911.9	7	7
8. Housing, land management and population	1 538.6	1 541.9	6	6
Subtotal	**43 932.0**	**43 932.0**	**159**	**159**
Extrabudgetary	21 937.8	22 491.5	21	20
Total	**65 869.8**	**66 423.5**	**180**	**179**

Regular budget resource requirements by subprogramme



Subprogramme 1
Environment

Resource requirements (before recosting): $9,002,800

19.25 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing on subprogramme 1 of programme 16 of the biennial programme plan for the biennium 2008-2009. The work of the subprogramme will focus on: (a) implementing the results of environmental conferences, in particular the "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference, so as to better integrate environmental concerns in the formulation of policies at the national, regional and local levels and also in the cross-border dimension; (b) strengthening the implementation of ECE multilateral environmental agreements and assisting the Eastern European, Caucasian and Central Asian and South-Eastern European countries to apply them in practice; and (c) carrying out environmental performance reviews, in particular second reviews, in order to provide recommendations, advice and support to the ECE member countries with economies in transition to meet regional environmental standards.

Table 19.9 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To safeguard the environment and human health, improve environmental management throughout the region and strengthen the environmental pillar of sustainable development.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Strengthened implementation of ECE regional international commitments by member countries	(a) (i) Increased number of reports from countries indicating progress in implementing legally binding instruments *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 121 reports Estimate 2006-2007: 130 reports Target 2008-2009: 140 reports (ii) Increased number of countries having reported implementation of major decisions taken at the 2007 Belgrade Ministerial Conference *Performance measures* 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: not applicable Target 2008-2009: 30 countries (iii) Increased number of actions taken to promote public access to environmental information *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 13 actions Estimate 2006-2007: 20 actions Target 2008-2009: 30 actions
(b) Improved environmental performance in countries with economies in transition	(b) (i) Increased number of countries with improved environmental performance through a set of indicators reported by environmental performance reviews

	Performance measures 2004-2005: 2 countries Estimate 2006-2007: 4 countries Target 2008-2009: 6 countries (ii) Increased percentage of recommendations that have been implemented by the reviewed countries as reported to the Committee on Environmental Policy *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 65 per cent Estimate 2006-2007: 80 per cent Target 2008-2009: 85 per cent
(c) Strengthened capacity for environmental monitoring and assessment systems in countries in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe	(c) Increased number of countries that finalized periodic state-of-the-environment reporting following the guidelines for the preparation of governmental reports on the state and protection of the environment *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 3 countries Estimate 2006-2007: 7 countries Target 2008-2009: 11 countries

External factors

19.26 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that at the national, regional and local levels, there is: (a) political will and sufficient capacity to integrate environmental concerns in policy formulation and to implement national legislation transposing the ECE environmental legal agreements; and (b) sufficient awareness of environmental issues and active support of the public in the implementation of national and regional policies.

Outputs

19.27 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Compliance Committee (8); Legal Board (8); fifth Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (6); Working Group on Integrated

Water Resources Management (8); Working Group on Monitoring and Assessment (12); Working Group on Water and Health (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the fifth meeting of the Parties to the Convention (1); reports on integrated water resources management (2); reports on monitoring and assessment of transboundary waters (2); reports on water and health (2); reports under the Protocol on Water and Health (4); reports under the Convention (8);

(ii) Conference of the Parties to the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: consultation of points of contact (2); fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (6); Working Group on Implementation (4); Working Group on the Development of the Convention (4); joint expert group on water and industrial accidents (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (1); report on implementation of the Convention (1); reports under the Convention (10);

(iii) Executive Body for the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (Air Convention):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Executive Body for the Convention (14); Steering Body of the Cooperative Programme for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Long-range Transmission of Air Pollutants in Europe (12); Working Group on Effects (12); Working Group on Strategies and Review (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Executive Body for the Convention (2); reports of the Implementation Committee (2); reports of the Steering Body of the Cooperative Programme (2); reports of the Working Group on Effects (2); reports of the Working Group on Strategies and Review (4); reports under the Convention (27);

(iv) Committee on Environmental Policy:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (13); Bureau of the Committee (6); meetings on Environmental Performance Review (11); regional implementation forums on sustainable development (4); Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (4); Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (6);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document for the regional implementation forum (1); reports of the Committee (2); reports of the Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development (2); reports of the Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment (2); reports of the meetings of the Bureau (4); report on the regional implementation forum on sustainable development (1); reports on environmental monitoring (6); reports related to the environmental performance reviews (4); reports related to the follow-up to the Ministerial Conference "Environment for Europe", to be held in Belgrade in 2007 (2);

(v) Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Environmental Impact Assessment Convention):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Implementation Committee (20); fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (6); Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the first Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (6); Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment (12); Working Group on Strategic Environmental Assessment (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the first Meeting of the Parties to the Convention serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (1); report of the fourth Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (1); reports of the Implementation Committee (4); reports of the Working Group on Environmental Impact Assessment (2); reports of the Working Group on Strategic Environmental Assessment (2); reports under the Convention (10);

(vi) Meeting of Parties to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (Aarhus Convention):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Compliance Committee (48); Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (6); Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (3); Working Group of the Parties to the Convention (16); Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (16);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention (1); reports of the Compliance Committee (8); reports under the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (8); report of the Meeting of the Parties to the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (1); reports of the Working Group of the Parties to the Convention (3); reports of the Working Group on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (3); reports under the Convention (12);

(vii) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme Steering Committee:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (2); Steering Committee of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (2);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (1); report of the annual session of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme Steering Committee (1); reports requested by the Steering Committee (7);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: Air Pollution Studies Series (2); capacity for Water Cooperation Series (2); Strategies and policies: summary of the 2008 major review under the Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution (1); Water Series (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: Aarhus Convention: Convention text (including amendment) (1); Aarhus Convention: Implementation Guide (1); Aarhus Convention: Tenth Anniversary Handbook (1); Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution: Handbook (revision) (1); environmental performance reviews (6); guidelines on environmental indicators (1); guidelines on integrated water resources management (1); guidelines on water and health (2); implementation guide for the strategy for education for sustainable development (1); industrial safety-assistance to countries of

the Eastern European, Caucasus and Central Asian region and in South-Eastern Europe: lessons learned (1); policy recommendations on transboundary flood management (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklet on the Protocol on Civil Liability and Compensation for Damaged Caused by the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents on Transboundary Waters (1); booklet on the Impact Assessment Convention (1); booklet on the Air Convention (1); booklet on the Industrial Accidents Convention (1); booklet on the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (1); booklet on the Protocol on Water and Health (1); booklet on the Water Convention (1); booklets/fact sheets on activities related to the ECE-World Health Organization Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (1); guide to enterprises on the fulfilment of reporting requirements under the Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (1);

(iv) Technical material: maintenance of website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: advisory services for countries with economies in transition to facilitate the implementation of the Air Convention; advisory services for countries with economies in transition to improve transboundary water management; advisory services for improving environmental assessment capabilities with a focus on the needs of countries with economies in transition;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: meetings for countries with economies in transition for the preparation of environmental performance reviews and for promoting the implementation of the related recommendations; training session for personnel working as points of contact on the Industrial Accidents Convention; workshop promoting the implementation of the strategy on education for sustainable development; workshops on environmental indicators and reporting on adaptation of environmental monitoring networks; workshops promoting the implementation of the Aarhus Convention and its Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers; workshops promoting the implementation of the Environmental Impact Assessment Convention and its Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment; workshops promoting the implementation of the Air Convention; workshops promoting the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention; workshops promoting the implementation of the Water Convention and its Protocol on Water and Health.

Table 19.10 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 1**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009 (before recosting)*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Regular budget				
Post	8 852.5	8 852.5	32	32
Non-post	133.1	150.3	—	—
Subtotal	**8 985.6**	**9 002.8**	**32**	**32**
Extrabudgetary	12 100.8	12 097.2	7	7
Total	**21 086.4**	**21 100.0**	**39**	**39**

19.28 The amount of $9,002,800, reflecting an increase of $17,200, is required for the continuation of 32 posts and related non-post resources comprising consultants and experts and travel of staff. The increase of $17,200 under non-post resources reflects increased requirements for travel of staff in order to meet increasing demand to participate in environment-related meetings in locations where the use of the Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible.

Subprogramme 2
Transport

Resource requirements (before recosting): $10,019,000

19.29 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Transport Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing on subprogramme 2 of programme 16 of the biennial programme plan for the biennium 2008-2009. The work of the subprogramme will aim at further updating and improving existing ECE legal instruments and recommendations governing inland transport in the region. The extension of the geographical scope of the ECE legal instruments on transport, particularly in the areas of vehicle construction, border crossing, transport of dangerous goods and road safety will be promoted. Increased attention will be given to the implementation of legal instruments and recommendations, including through subregional cooperation, capacity-building activities and advisory services. Subregional cooperation will be promoted and assistance will be provided in planning and developing road and rail transport infrastructures in Eastern and South-Eastern European, Caucasian and Central Asian countries. Furthermore, emphasis will be placed on subregional cooperation for the development of Euro-Asian transport links, including through landlocked developing countries, in cooperation with ESCAP, and of other transport infrastructures in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, as well as on promoting transport links with Africa and the Middle East, including across the Mediterranean, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

Table 19.11 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To facilitate the international movement of persons and goods by inland transport modes and improve safety, environmental protection, energy efficiency and security in the transport sector to levels that contribute effectively to sustainable development.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Adoption, at the regional and/or global level, of amendments to existing legal instruments and recommendations on road transport, road, rail, inland water and combined transport infrastructure, border crossing, transport of dangerous goods and other transport issues, as well as to vehicle regulations, and development of new legal instruments and new vehicle regulations, including global vehicle regulations	(a) (i) The number of existing legal instruments amended *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 16 legal instruments Estimate 2006-2007: 10 legal instruments Target 2008-2009: 10 legal instruments

		(ii) The number of amendments to existing vehicle regulations and the number of new vehicle regulations, including global vehicle regulations *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 135 amendments Estimate 2006-2007: 138 amendments Target 2008-2009: 130 amendments (iii) The number of participants in regular meetings of the ECE bodies on transport deciding on amendments to existing legal instruments and recommendations, to which ECE provides the secretariat *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 5,906 participants Estimate 2006-2007: 5,950 participants Target 2008-2009: 5,950 participants (iv) The number of adopted amendments to United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 3 sets of amendments Estimate 2006-2007: 3 sets of amendments Target 2008-2009: 3 sets of amendments
(b) Increased implementation of the ECE legal instruments and recommendations on transport	(b)	(i) The total number of States parties to ECE legal instruments on transport *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 1,503 States parties Estimate 2006-2007: 1,525 States parties Target 2008-2009: 1,545 States parties (ii) The number of new accessions to ECE legal instruments on transport from ECE and non-ECE countries

	Performance measures 2004-2005: 34 new accessions Estimate 2006-2007: 22 new accessions Target 2008-2009: 20 new accessions
	(iii) The number of international legal instruments amended to reflect revisions to ECE legal instruments on transport as well as to United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 52 legal instruments Estimate 2006-2007: 55 legal instruments Target 2008-2009: 55 legal instruments
(c) Further development of transport infrastructure conducive to enhanced economic cooperation, in particular in Eastern and South-Eastern European countries as well as in Caucasian and Central Asian countries	(c) The number of projects and/or capacity-building programmes undertaken to promote transport infrastructure *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 7 projects/programmes Estimate 2006-2007: 5 projects/programmes Target 2008-2009: 5 projects/programmes

External factors

19.30 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) consensus can be achieved among the various interested parties in the updating of existing legal instruments and in the development of new ones; (b) the environment is conducive to the ratification of or accession to legal instruments; (c) governments and parliaments decide to establish, implement and enforce related national legislation; (d) there is a stable political climate in member countries enabling the extension of networks and the facilitation of border crossings; (e) there is sufficient national funding available to implement legal instruments; (f) there is adequate voluntary funding available for infrastructure projects.

Outputs

19.31 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic and Social Council Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: biennial session of the Committee of Experts (2);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document for the Committee of Experts (1); report of the biennial session of the Committee of Experts (1); report of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Committee of Experts (1);

(ii) Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Subcommittee of Experts, four sessions (53);

b. Parliamentary documentation: series of documents on the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (2); report of the Subcommittee of Experts (4);

(iii) Economic and Social Council Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Subcommittee of Experts, four sessions (21);

b. Parliamentary documentation: series of documents on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (2); reports of the Subcommittee of Experts (4);

(iv) Inland Transport Committee:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (12); Bureau of the Committee (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: analysis of the transport situation in ECE member countries and emerging development trends (2); reports of the annual session of the Committee (2); reports on activities regarding assistance to countries with economies in transition (2); reports on the status of application of international transport agreements and conventions (2);

(v) World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Working Party on Noise (20); Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (28); Working Party on General Safety Provisions (28); Working Party on Lighting and Light Signalling (28); Working Party on Passive Safety (28); Working Party on Pollution and Energy (28); World Forum for Harmonization of Vehicle Regulations, including Administrative/Executive Committee of the 1958, 1997 and 1998 Agreements and Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work (60);

b. Parliamentary documentation: consolidated resolution on the construction of vehicles (1); series of documents on amendments to legal instruments on the construction of motor vehicles (20); reports on the status of: the 1958 Agreement (6), the 1997 Agreement on Periodical Technical Inspections (6) and the 1998 Global Agreement (6); reports of the Working Party on Brakes and Running Gear (4); reports of the Working Party on General Safety Provisions (4); reports of the

Working Party on Lighting and Light Signalling (4); reports of the Working Party on Noise (4); reports of the Working Party on Passive Safety (4); reports of the Working Party on Pollution and Energy (4); reports of the sessions of the World Forum, including the reports of the Administrative Committee for the Coordination of Work and the Administrative/Executive Committees of the 1958, 1997 and 1998 Agreements (6);

(vi) Working Party on the Transport of Perishable Foodstuffs:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Working Party (16);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to Be Used for Such Carriage (16); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (2);

(vii) Working Party on the Transport of Dangerous Goods:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Working Party (40); joint meetings of the Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID) Safety Committee and the Working Party (45); joint meeting of experts on the European Provisions concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (ADN) (20); ADN Administrative Committee (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: series of documents on the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), RID and ADN (8); reports of the joint meeting of experts on the regulations annexed to ADN (4); reports of the sessions of the Working Party (4); reports of the joint meeting of the RID Safety Committee and the Working Party (4); reports of the sessions of the ADN Administrative Committee (4); list of amendments to the 2007 version of ADN (1); and to the 2007 version of ADR (1);

(viii) Working Party on Transport Trends and Economics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Working Party (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on Euro-Asian transport links (8); documents on bottlenecks, missing links and the quality of transport networks (2); documents on ports as the interface between inland and maritime transport (1); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (2);

(ix) Working Party on Transport Statistics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Working Party (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents for the sessions of the Working Party (12); documents on transport indicators (2); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (2);

(x) Working Party on Road Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: ad hoc meeting on the implementation of the European Agreement on Main International Traffic Arteries (AGR) (2); Working Party (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document on amendments to AGR (1); documents on amendments to the European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR) (2); document on

implementation of AETR (1); report of the ad hoc meeting on the implementation of AGR (1); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (2); reports on activities carried out under the Trans-European North-South Motorway (TEM) project (2);

(xi) Working Party on Road Traffic Safety:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Working Party (28);

b. Parliamentary documentation: document on the implementation of the 1968 Conventions on Road Traffic and on Road Signs and Signals (1); documents on amendments to the 1968 Conventions (4); documents on national requirements in the field of road traffic safety (2); documents on the revision of consolidated resolutions on road traffic and road signs and signals (4); reports of the sessions of the Working Party (4);

(xii) Working Party on Rail Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Working Party (12);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the European Agreement on Main International Railway Lines (AGC) (4); documents on rail management and security issues (4); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party (2); reports on activities carried out under the Trans-European Railway (TER) project (2);

(xiii) Working Party on Intermodal Transport and Logistics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Working Party (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the European Agreement on Important International Combined Transport Lines and Related Installations (AGTC) (2); reports of the sessions of the Working Party (4);

(xiv) Working Party on Inland Water Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: sessions of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (12); Working Party on the Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on amendments to the European Agreement on Main Inland Waterways of International Importance (AGN) (2); reports of the annual session of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport (2); reports of the Working Party on Standardization of Technical and Safety Requirements in Inland Navigation (4);

(xv) Working Party on Customs Questions affecting Transport:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Administrative Committee for the Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers Used in International Transport (4); Administrative Committee for the Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail (4); Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (4); Administrative Committee for the TIR (Transports Internationaux Routiers) Convention (8); TIR Executive Board (4); Working Party (48);

b. Parliamentary documentation: documents on the economic benefits of international transit regimes (1); documents on the implementation of the

International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1); documents on the legal and financial implications of the computerization of the TIR procedures (2); report of the Administrative Committee for the Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers Used in International Transport (1); report of the Administrative Committee for the International Convention on the Harmonization of Frontier Controls of Goods (1); reports of the sessions of the Working Party (6); report on legal and technical implications of the Convention on Customs Treatment of Pool Containers Used in International Transport (1); reports of the Administrative Committee for the Convention on International Customs Transit Procedures for the Carriage of Goods by Rail (2); reports of the Administrative Committee for the TIR Convention (4); reports of the meetings of the TIR Executive Board (8);

(xvi) Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme Steering Committee:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Steering Committee (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: report of the annual session of the Steering Committee (1); reports requested by the Steering Committee (6);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: *Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to Be Used for Such Carriage* (1); *ATP Handbook* (1); *Bulletin of Statistics of Road Traffic Accidents in Europe and North America* (Internet only) (2); *Bulletin of Transport Statistics for Europe* (2); European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, hard copy and CD-ROM (1); European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterways (1); European Code for Inland Waterways (1); Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (1); map of the e-road network (1); map of the European railways network (1); recommendations on technical requirements for inland navigation vessels (1); international road transport handbook (1); United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (model regulations) (hard copy and CD-ROM) (1); United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods: Tests and Criteria (1);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: bottlenecks, missing links and the quality of transport networks (1); consolidated resolution on road traffic (1); consolidated version of the Convention on Road Signs and Signals (1); consolidated version of the Convention on Road Traffic (1); report on intermodal transport and logistics in a pan-European context (1); review of the implementation of the TEM and TER master plans (1); standardized vocabulary for radio connections in inland navigation (1); white paper on trends in and development of inland navigation (1);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: handbook on transport statistics (2); information material such as the Directory of the Committee on Inland Transport (6);

(iv) Press releases, press conferences: press releases (2);

(v) Technical material: maintenance of an Internet map of combined transport (2); maintenance of a web-based inventory of existing AGC and AGTC standards and parameters (1); maintenance of databases on transport statistics, road traffic accidents, transport of dangerous goods, transport of perishable foodstuffs, urban transport and transport and environment (2); maintenance of the website, providing meeting

documents, publications and information on activities related to this subprogramme (2); vehicle regulations and their amendments (1);

(vi) Seminars for outside users: seminars on topics to be selected in the following areas: harmonization of fuel standards, the contribution of transport to trade and development in the ECE region; evaluation of transport costs (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: missions to provide advice on legal instruments relating to road safety, facilitation of transport, border crossing, vehicle construction and the transport of dangerous goods and other special cargoes (10);

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: seminars on selected aspects under the TEM and TER projects to train some 300 officials, for example, infrastructure charging, intermodal transport, intelligent transport systems, new technologies on railway transport operations, railway reform, collection of data of transport infrastructure, logistics centres/freight villages, border crossings (4);

(iii) Field projects: Euro-Asian transport links project; TEM project; TER project; Working Group on Transport and Border Crossing Facilitation of the Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia.

Table 19.12 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 2**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009 (before recosting)*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Regular budget				
Post	9 841.9	9 841.9	37	37
Non-post	182.0	177.1	—	—
Subtotal	**10 023.9**	**10 019.0**	**37**	**37**
Extrabudgetary	3 376.3	3 585.7	6	6
Total	**13 400.2**	**13 604.7**	**43**	**43**

19.32 The amount of $10,019,000, reflecting a net decrease of $4,900, is required for the continuation of 37 posts and related non-post resources comprising consultants and experts, travel of staff and contractual services. The net decrease of $4,900 under non-post resources results from an increase of $18,000 for travel of staff in order to meet increasing demand to participate in transport-related meetings, particularly those related to the development of transport infrastructure in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, in locations where the use of the Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible, fully offset by a decrease of $22,900 for contractual services reflecting the increased use of in-house facilities for printing and the fact that the Road and Rail Censuses will not be produced in hard copy in 2008-2009, but will be made available electronically only.

Subprogramme 3
Statistics

Resource requirements (before recosting): $7,665,600

19.33 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Statistical Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing on subprogramme 3 of programme 16 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009. The work of the subprogramme will focus on developing international statistical standards and methodology and promoting their application through the production and dissemination of guidelines and best practices and on providing technical advice to assist national statistical offices in the implementation of these standards, in particular the ECE Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics. In addition, through its joint activities with the major players in the field of statistics, the subprogramme will continue to play a coordination role for the international statistical activities in the region. The data collection work will also continue to respond to the demand for data, which will be made available to the public as statistical products in electronic form.

Table 19.13 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To improve the reliability of national official statistics and ensure their comparability at the international level, and to play the central coordination role for the international statistical activities undertaken in the region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Further developed national institutional frameworks and corresponding implementation practices of member countries, in line with the ECE Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics	(a) (i) The number of countries ensuring better compliance with the Fundamental Principles through revision of their national statistical legislations *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: 6 countries Estimate 2006-2007: 6 countries Target 2008-2009: 6 countries (ii) The number of ECE recommendations implemented to improve national institutional frameworks for official statistics *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: 45 recommendations Estimate 2006-2007: 45 recommendations Target 2008-2009: 45 recommendations

(b) Increased development of internationally recommended standards and practices to ensure comparable statistics	(b) (i) The number of new or revised international statistical standards and recommendations endorsed by a statistical authority to which ECE has contributed in substance *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: 2 standards/recommendations Estimate 2006-2007: 4 standards/ recommendations Target 2008-2009: 4 standards/ recommendations (ii) The number of statistical areas in which ECE undertakes substantive methodological work *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: 21 statistical areas Estimate 2006-2007: 15 statistical areas Target 2008-2009: 15 statistical areas
(c) Streamlined activity patterns of statistical work between international organizations through elimination of overlaps and gaps	(c) (i) The percentage of joint activities in the ECE statistical programme undertaken in cooperation with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Statistical Office of the European Communities (Eurostat), the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States and other international organizations *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: 75 per cent Estimate 2006-2007: 70 per cent Target 2008-2009: 70 per cent (ii) The number of international organizations regularly reporting their activities in the integrated presentation of international statistical work programmes *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: 26 organizations Estimate 2006-2007: 25 organizations Target 2008-2009: 25 organizations

(d) Increased availability of reliable, timely and comparable macroeconomic, social and demographic statistics, particularly about the less advanced countries of the region	(d) (i) Increased percentage of available data of good quality in the overview tables (percentage of non-empty data cells compared with the total number of data cells) *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: not available Estimate 2006-2007: 53 per cent Target 2008-2009: 60 per cent (ii) Increased percentage of users that express, through user surveys, satisfaction with the quality, coverage and timeliness of data contained in the ECE database *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: 75 per cent Estimate 2006-2007: 60 per cent Target 2008-2009: 70 per cent

External factors

19.34 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is a willingness to cooperate on the part of international statistical agencies active in the ECE region, in particular OECD, Eurostat, the International Monetary Fund and the Interstate Statistical Committee of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), as well as on the part of the national statistical offices of ECE member countries; (b) data needed for the ECE statistical databases are made available by the national statistical agencies and by Eurostat, OECD and the CIS Statistical Committee free of charge; (c) resources are available in order to provide technical assistance to the national statistical offices of countries with economies in transition; and (d) the technological infrastructure is sufficiently scaled to support activities related to databases and web dissemination.

Outputs

19.35 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Conference of European Statisticians:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of demographic and social statistics (42); ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of economic statistics (29); ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of statistical information systems (36); ad hoc intergovernmental meetings in the field of sustainable development (6); annual sessions of the Conference of European Statisticians (10); meetings of the Bureau of the Conference (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: paper for intergovernmental meetings on statistics for sustainable development (1); papers for intergovernmental meetings on demographic and social statistics (17); papers for intergovernmental meetings on economic statistics (9); papers for intergovernmental meetings on statistical information systems (10); papers for the coordination of international statistical work in the ECE region (44); papers on policy issues of interest to the heads of national statistical offices (20); papers on substantive issues of interest to the heads of national statistical offices (14); reports of the annual session (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: methodological materials (2); statistical monographs (2); statistical standards and studies series (2);

(ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: awareness materials on the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics; conference of European statisticians; integrated work programme, gender and macroeconomic statistical databases, highlights of socio-economic indicators in the region, etc. (6); statistical country profiles of Europe and North America (2);

(iii) Technical material: maintenance of the website, providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2); updated database of international statistical activities — integrated presentation (2); updated ECE gender statistics database (2); updated ECE macroeconomic database (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget):

(i) Advisory services: ad hoc consultations with experts in national statistical offices on their compilation of statistical data needed for ECE analytical and publication purposes; consultations with the management of national statistical offices on the application of the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics and the alignment of statistical legislation with the Principles;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: meetings, training workshops and seminars with externally funded (United Nations Development Programme, World Bank, etc.) regional statistical projects; meetings, training workshops and seminars within the framework of the Development Account project.

Table 19.14 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 3**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009 (before recosting)*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Regular budget				
Post	7 613.6	7 530.0	29	29
Non-post	119.5	135.6	—	—
Subtotal	**7 733.1**	**7 665.6**	**29**	**29**
Extrabudgetary	433.7	250.0	—	—
Total	**8 166.8**	**7 915.6**	**29**	**29**

19.36 The amount of $7,665,600, reflecting a net decrease of $67,500, comprises: (a) $7,530,000 for the continuation of 29 posts, reflecting a decrease of $83,600 resulting from the proposed establishment of one Professional post, Associate Statistician, at the P-2 level, offset by the proposed abolition of one General Service (Other level) post; and (b) $135,600 for non-post requirements, reflecting an increase of $16,100, comprising requirements for consultants and experts ($20,200) and for travel of staff ($115,400). The proposed new P-2 post is intended to support the strengthening of the methodological work called for in the ECE reform programme and the implementation of methodological activities related to price statistics and short-term economic statistics. The increase of $16,100 under non-post resources is due to increased requirements for consultancy services for the preparation of the statistical data and metadata exchange implementation plan for the ECE statistical database ($11,100), and for travel of staff in order to meet increasing demand to participate in subprogramme-related meetings in locations where the use of the Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible ($5,000).

Subprogramme 4
Economic cooperation and integration

Resource requirements (before recosting): $3,894,100

19.37 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Economic Cooperation and Integration Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing on subprogramme 4 of programme 16 of the biennial programme plan for the biennium 2008-2009. The work will focus on: (a) creating a policy, financial and regulatory environment conducive to economic growth, competitiveness and innovative development, in particular in countries of the region with economies in transition; (b) facilitating policy dialogue and exchange of lessons learned and best practices among member countries with a view to developing relevant policy advice and guidelines; and (c) carrying out capacity-building activities in support of the effective implementation of best practices and guidelines in countries of the region with economies in transition.

Table 19.15 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To promote a more conducive policy, financial and regulatory environment for economic growth, innovative development and higher competitiveness of enterprises and economic activities in the ECE region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Enhanced sharing of best practices and their promotion among member countries on issues dealt with by the subprogramme	(a) (i) Number of best practices discussed and disseminated under the subprogramme *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: 3 best practices Target 2008-2009: 6 best practices

	(ii) Number of countries indicating satisfaction with training events *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: 5 countries Target 2008-2009: 7 countries
(b) Adoption by the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration of practical and action-oriented policy recommendations/guidelines on issues placed on its 2008-2009 work programme	(b) Set of policy recommendations/guidelines adopted by the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: 3 recommendations/ guidelines Target 2008-2009: 6 recommendations/ guidelines
(c) Increased implementation of ECE recommendations on matters dealt with by the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration	(c) (i) Number of practical steps taken by Governments and other stakeholders to implement recommendations of the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: not applicable Target 2008-2009: 5 practical steps (ii) Number of requests acted on for policy advisory services and capacity-building activities aimed at assisting countries to implement recommendations of the ECE Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration *Performance measures*: 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: 2 requests Target 2008-2009: 4 requests

External factors

19.38 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is a cooperative environment among governments and international organizations; (b) relevant information and other inputs necessary for the implementation of the programme of work of the Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration are available and provided by ECE member States; (c) there is active participation and contribution by specialists from governments, academia and the private sector at expert group meetings and in expert networks to be created under the Committee; (d) governments are willing to engage in policy debates and to take steps to implement policy recommendations adopted by the Committee; and (e) there is no major shortfall in funding for participation in the programme of work by low-income countries with economies in transition.

Outputs

19.39 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget): Committee on Economic Cooperation and Integration:

(i) Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (12); meetings of teams of specialists and other expert group meetings (16); meetings of the team of specialists on innovation and competitiveness policies (8); meetings of the team of specialists on intellectual property (8);

(ii) Parliamentary documentation: comparative reviews and analytical reports (6); documents to be adopted by the annual sessions of the Committee (8); papers and reports for meetings of teams of specialists and other expert group meetings (6);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: guidebooks (3); synopses of good practices (3);

(ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: materials for the dissemination of information on the implementation of the programme of work and its outputs, including press releases (2);

(iii) Technical material: maintenance of the virtual platform for the exchange of information and experience; maintenance of external networks of experts (2); maintenance of website providing access to information and documents related to activities of this subprogramme (2);

(iv) Seminars for outside users: Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia economic forum, jointly organized with ESCAP (2); seminars organized by the secretariat for outside users under specific mandates (6);

(v) Substantive servicing of inter-agency meetings: Inter-agency meetings for networking and cooperation in the implementation of selected elements of the programme of work with other international organizations and agencies aimed at achieving synergy (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget): training courses, seminars and workshops: technical cooperation and capacity-building activities on thematic areas included in the programme of work.

Table 19.16 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 4**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009 (before recosting)*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Regular budget				
Post	3 788.5	3 788.5	13	13
Non-post	98.5	105.6	—	—
Subtotal	**3 887.0**	**3 894.1**	**13**	**13**
Extrabudgetary	451.2	310.5	1	—
Total	**4 338.2**	**4 204.6**	**14**	**13**

19.40 The amount of $3,894,100, reflecting a net increase of $7,100, is required for the continuation of 13 posts and related non-post resources, comprising consultants and experts, travel of staff and contractual services. The net increase of $7,100 under non-post resources results from an increase of $7,300 for travel of staff in order to meet increasing demand to participate in subprogramme-related meetings in locations where the use of the Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible, offset by a decrease of $200 for consultants and experts.

Subprogramme 5
Sustainable energy

Resource requirements (before recosting): $3,305,100

19.41 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Sustainable Energy Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing on subprogramme 5 of programme 16 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009. The subprogramme will focus on sustainable energy development for ECE member countries, implemented through cooperation among governments, energy industries and the international financial community. It is designed to promote the fuller integration of the energy economies and infrastructure in the region, increase energy efficiency, promote cleaner energy production and enhance energy security and the diversification of energy supply sources, taking into account environmental concerns. Furthermore, it will seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance the performance of energy industries and contribute to the long-term supply of fossil fuels through the global adoption of a classification standard for energy reserves and resources.

Table 19.17 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To facilitate (a) the transition to a more sustainable development path for the production and use of energy; and (b) the fuller integration of the energy economies and energy infrastructure of countries in the region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Progress in the international dialogue between governments and industry on sustainable energy development issues, in particular, cleaner energy production, energy security and diversification of energy sources	(a) (i) Increased percentage of participants in policy discussions and discussions on technical matters who evaluate them as being useful for decision-making *Performance measures* 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: 60 per cent Target 2008-2009: 65 per cent (ii) Percentage of respondents to a web-based survey that find ECE information, technical and policy-oriented reports on sustainable energy issues very useful *Performance measures* 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: 60 per cent Target 2008-2009: 65 per cent
(b) Progress in addressing energy conservation and efficiency issues across the ECE region, especially those leading to a reduction in energy-related environmental impacts, including progress in the formation of energy efficiency markets in economies in transition	(b) (i) Increased percentage of participants in policy discussions who evaluate them as being useful for decision-making *Performance measures* 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: 60 per cent Target 2008-2009: 65 per cent (ii) Increased number of energy efficiency investment projects developed under the ECE energy efficiency 21 project that have been approved for financing in the countries with economies in transition

	Performance measures 2004-2005: 11 projects Estimate 2006-2007: 12 projects Target 2008-2009: 14 projects
(c) Further extension and implementation of ECE recommendations/guidelines and instruments for sustainable energy development, in particular the extension and implementation of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources and the guidelines on reforming energy prices and subsidies	(c) (i) Increased number of professional organizations and international standard-setting organizations supporting the further development and implementation of the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources, including as a basis for financial reporting standards for extractive activities *Performance measures* 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: 2 organizations Target 2008-2009: 4 organizations (ii) Increased number of countries expressing the intent to apply the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources in their fossil energy and uranium resources management *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 6 countries Estimate 2006-2007: 7 countries Target 2008-2009: 8 countries (iii) Increased number of ECE countries that have adjusted energy prices and tariffs to remove price distortions, encourage efficient energy consumption and attract investment into the energy sector *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 15 countries Estimate 2006-2007: 25 countries Target 2008-2009: 30 countries

(d) Progress in implementation of projects in support of sustainable energy development in coal, natural gas and electricity	(d) Increased volume of diesel fuel replaced by natural gas in commercial vehicles on the Blue Corridor Project road transport itinerary across Europe *Performance measures* 2004-2005: not applicable Estimate 2006-2007: 300,000 tons Target 2008-2009: 320,000 tons

External factors

19.42 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that at the national, regional and local levels, there is: (a) political will and sufficient capacity to integrate environmental concerns in policy formulation and to implement national legislation transposing the ECE environmental legal agreements; and (b) sufficient awareness and participation of the public to promote the implementation of national and regional policies.

Outputs

19.43 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Committee on Sustainable Energy:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (12); annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Harmonization of Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources Terminology (12); annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal Mine Methane (4); annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Cleaner Electricity Production for Coal and Other Fossil Fuels (8); meetings of the Bureau (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual sessions of the Committee (2); report on clean coal technology development in countries with economies in transition (1); report on economic transition in the energy sector (1); report on emerging energy security risks in a global context (1); report on implementing the United Nations Framework Classification for Fossil Energy and Mineral Resources in ECE member States (1); report on new energy market developments in the ECE region (1); report on sustainable energy strategies, policies and options for ECE countries (1);

(ii) Working Party on Gas:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Supply and Use of Gas (4); annual sessions of the Working Party (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: developments in the gas industry, including trade and interconnections/extensions of gas networks (1); economic reforms and restructuring in Central and Eastern Europe and their implications and significance for gas markets and the gas industry (1); reports of the annual sessions of the Working Party on Gas (2);

(iii) Steering Committee of the Energy Efficiency 21 Project:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Steering Committee (16);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual sessions of the Steering Committee (2); report on energy efficiency and carbon trading (1); report on energy efficiency investments (1);

(iv) Advisory Board of the Gas Centre:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Implementation of the European Union Gas Directive (8); annual sessions of the Advisory Board of the Gas Centre (4); annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Gas Transportation Tariffs (8); annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on the Database (8); annual sessions of the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Gas Strategic Issues (8);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports on the status of the Gas Centre project (2); reports on workshops and high-level conferences (2);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: Energy Security and the Diversification of Energy Supply Sources (1); Environmental Benefits of Energy Efficiency (1);

(ii) Press releases, press conferences: annual press release on energy studies/seminars (2);

(iii) Technical material: maintenance of website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2);

(iv) Seminars for outside users: workshop on energy sector restructuring in countries with economies in transition and on the legal, regulatory and social dimensions of energy price reforms in countries with economies in transition (2); workshop/seminar on topics to be selected in the following areas: sustainable energy development and energy issues in post-enlargement Europe (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: Energy Efficiency 21 Project: advisory missions on the development of financing mechanisms for energy efficiency projects; the establishment of energy efficiency demonstration zones (3 in 2008; 3 in 2009); Gas Centre: mission aimed at assisting the gas industry in countries with economies in transition in setting market-oriented legal and regulatory frameworks; development of gas policy and pricing instruments; establishment of sound investment promotion policies;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: Energy Efficiency 21 Project: workshop on business planning and financial engineering for energy efficiency investment projects; Energy Efficiency 21 Project: symposium on energy efficiency policies in the context of sustainable energy development in the ECE region; seminars and workshops on clean energy production in the transition of Central and Eastern European member States;

(iii) Field projects: Energy Efficiency 21 Project: Development of investment projects for energy efficient and environmentally sound technologies and management practices in energy efficiency demonstration zones in selected cities.

Table 19.18 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 5**

Category	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		Posts	
	2006-2007	2008-2009 (before recosting)	2006-2007	2008-2009
Regular budget				
Post	3 239.6	3 239.6	11	11
Non-post	59.8	65.5	—	—
Subtotal	**3 299.4**	**3 305.1**	**11**	**11**
Extrabudgetary	4 221.5	5 167.3	7	6
Total	**7 520.9**	**8 472.4**	**18**	**17**

19.44 The amount of $3,305,100, reflecting an increase of $5,700, is required for the continuation of 11 posts and related non-post resources comprising consultants and experts and travel of staff. The increase of $5,700 under non-post resources reflects increased requirements for travel of staff in order to meet increasing demand to participate in energy-related meetings in locations where the use of the Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible.

Subprogramme 6
Trade

Resource requirements (before recosting): $6,591,600

19.45 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Trade and Timber Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing on subprogramme 6 of programme 16 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009. The work of the subprogramme will aim at reducing barriers to trade in goods and services caused by differences in regulatory approaches and differences in the procedures, standards and documents used by governments and businesses for trade. More concretely, it will develop and promote: (a) simple, transparent and effective processes for global commerce; (b) a predictable, transparent and harmonized regulatory environment for commerce and business; and (c) trade in agricultural produce supported by agreed-upon, clear and easy-to-use commercial quality standards. Furthermore, emphasis will be placed on the implementation of the subprogramme in less-advantaged countries of the region.

Table 19.19 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To facilitate trade and trade-related economic cooperation among countries of the ECE region and with the rest of the world.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Adoption by member States of new/revised ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation, electronic business, regulatory cooperation and agricultural produce	(a) The number of new and/or updated ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation, electronic business, regulatory cooperation and agricultural produce agreed upon by member States

	Performance measures 2004-2005: 39 recommendations, etc. Estimate 2006-2007: 39 recommendations, etc. Target 2008-2009: 39 recommendations, etc.
(b) Increased implementation of ECE recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools for trade facilitation, electronic business, regulatory cooperation and agricultural produce	(b) (i) Increased number of key trade facilitation and electronic business recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools implemented by ECE member States and other countries *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 15 recommendations, etc. Estimate 2006-2007: 25 recommendations, etc. Target 2008-2009: 30 recommendations, etc. (ii) The number of downloads of key recommendations, norms, standards, guidelines and tools from the ECE Internet site, as a proxy for their use *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 355,000 downloads Estimate 2006-2007: 300,000 downloads Target 2008-2009: 300,000 downloads (iii) The number of requests for assistance received from member States and other international organizations to assist in the promotion and implementation of ECE trade-related instruments *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 21 requests Estimate 2006-2007: 21 requests Target 2008-2009: 21 requests

External factors

19.46 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) there is a cooperative environment among governments and international

organizations; (b) information is available and provided by ECE member States; (c) there is active participation by specialists at ECE technical meetings; (d) there is no major shortfall in funding for participation in the programme of work by low-income countries with economies in transition; (e) negotiations begun in 2006 to transfer the work of OECD on explanatory brochures for ECE standards to ECE will be successfully completed and the transition process will have begun by mid-2007.

Outputs

19.47 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (10);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the Working Party's ad hoc team of specialists on regulatory techniques (2); reports of the Working Party's Advisory Group on Market Surveillance (2); reports of the Working Party (2); reports on topics to be selected by the Bureau of the Working Party (6);

(ii) Working Party on Agricultural Quality Standards:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (14); specialized section on standardization of dry and dried produce (14); specialized section on standardization of fresh fruit and vegetables (14); specialized section on standardization of meat (12); specialized section on standardization of seed potatoes (10);

b. Parliamentary documentation: consolidated texts of revised and new standards and other relevant results of the meetings, addenda to the reports of the specialized sections and the Working Party (40); reports from the specialized sections of the Working Party on agricultural quality standards (8); reports of Working Party (2);

(iii) Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (CEFACT):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of CEFACT (16); meetings on the memorandum of understanding on electronic business (8); meetings of the CEFACT Forum (40);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the CEFACT Forum (2); addenda to the reports of the CEFACT Forum (6); reports of CEFACT (2); reports on topics or issues selected by the CEFACT Bureau (6); revised baseline study on the implementation of CEFACT products and services (1);

(iv) Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Bureau of the Committee on Trade (10); annual sessions of the Committee on Trade (10);

(v) Parliamentary documentation: reports for the Committee on Trade (10); reports from subsidiary bodies to the Committee on Trade (6); reports of the Committee on Trade (2); reports on topics selected by the Bureau of the Committee on Trade (4);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Recurrent publications: Compendium of Norms, Standards and Best Practices for International Trade and Business (CD-ROM) (1); core component of the United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport

(UN/EDIFACT) Mappings and Message Implementation Guidelines, (Internet publication) (2); Trade Development Directory (Internet publication) (1); CEFACT Business Requirements Specifications Library (Internet publication) (4); CEFACT Core Component Library (Internet publication) (4); CEFACT Schema Library (Internet publication) (2); ECE Standards and Recommendations for Trade and Electronic Business (Internet publication) (2); ECE Standards for Dry and Dried Produce (revision) (Internet publication) (2); ECE Standards for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables (revision) (Internet Publication) (2); ECE Standards for Meat (revision) (Internet publication) (2); ECE Standards for Seed Potatoes (revision) (Internet publication) (2); United Nations Code for Trade and Transport Locations (Internet publication) (4); United Nations Trade Data Interchange Directory, also known as the United Nations Electronic Data Interchange for Administration, Commerce and Transport Directory (Internet publication) (4);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: colour chart for dry and dried produce (hard-copy publication) (2); Regulatory Standardization List (1); electronic business architecture vision (1); explanatory brochure for ECE agricultural quality standards (1); Guidelines on Standardization, Market Surveillance and Related Regulatory Policies (1); proceedings of the International Trade Facilitation Forum (1); publication of the United Nations Electronic Trade Documents (UNeDocs) core component-based data model (1); publications on regional trade issues (3); publications on trade facilitation and e-business issues (2); report on technical trade facilitation issues within a World Trade Organization context (1); repository of single-window case studies (1); revised United Nations Trade Data Elements Directory (1); revised United Nations Code List in a syntax-neutral specification (Internet publication) (1); technical specifications (Internet publication) (5); tool for governments and trade to demonstrate and promote the use of the CEFACT document standards (Internet publication) (1); trade facilitation recommendations (4); CEFACT Guide to Trade Facilitation Implementation (1); ECE Standard for Meat-Carcasses and Cuts (4);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklet on the work done in the ECE agricultural unit to promote international harmonization (1); brochure on trade development (2); brochure about agricultural quality standards (hard copy and Internet publication) (1); brochures on trade facilitation and electronic business standards (2); brochure on regulatory cooperation and standardization policy activities (1); folder on the work of the Committee on Trade (1); CEFACT quarterly reports (Internet publication) (8);

(iv) Press releases, press conferences: press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications (2);

(v) Technical material: maintenance of the Multiplier Point Network website (2); maintenance of the website, providing documents and other information on the activities and work of the subprogramme (2); UNeDocs publications and web services (2); web services on the Internet for integration of ECE-recommended code lists (2); web services for the CEFACT Registry (1);

(vi) Seminars for outside users: forums on technical harmonization and conformity assessment issues (2); forums on trade issues (2); interregional seminar to promote agricultural quality standards (1); joint workshop of the World Customs Organization and CEFACT on the cross-border reference data model (1); regional seminars to promote agricultural quality standards (2); seminars/workshops on trade issues (2); workshop for national trade facilitation organizations in countries with economies in

transition (1); workshops to promote the CEFACT Guide to Trade Facilitation Implementation (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary): training courses, seminars and workshops: capacity-building workshop on regulatory practices; seminars on trade issues in countries with economies in transition; workshop on the implementation of agricultural quality standards in countries with economies in transition; workshops on the implementation/verification of a national/regional customization of the UNeDocs data model.

Table 19.20 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 6**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009 (before recosting)*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Regular budget				
Post	6 428.3	6 428.3	24	24
Non-post	127.5	163.3	—	—
Subtotal	**6 555.8**	**6 591.6**	**24**	**24**
Extrabudgetary	626.4	205.1	—	—
Total	**7 182.2**	**6 796.7**	**24**	**24**

19.48 The amount of $6,591,600, reflecting an increase of $35,800, is required for the continuation of 24 posts and related non-post resources comprising consultants and experts, travel of staff, contractual services and supplies and materials. The increase of $35,800 under non-post resources reflects increased requirements for travel of staff ($13,000) in order to meet increasing demand to participate in trade-related meetings in locations where the use of the Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible, and for contractual services ($22,800) in order to provide for the additional production of brochures resulting from the transfer of work on the OECD explanatory brochures for agricultural quality standards from OECD to ECE, as called for in the ECE reform programme. The brochures cannot be printed in-house, as they are in the form of loose-leaf pages printed on high-quality paper with high-quality photos, which are kept in loose-leaf binders of a non-standard size.

Subprogramme 7
Timber and forestry

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,911,900

19.49 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Timber Section of the Trade and Timber Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing on subprogramme 7 of programme 16 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009. The subprogramme will focus on maintaining the monitoring and analysis functions of the subprogramme while strengthening the policy and cross-sectoral dimension, notably as regards institutions in countries with economies in transition, the sound use of wood, wood energy and illegal logging. Furthermore, it will provide regional inputs to global programmes, notably the Forestry Department of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the United

Nations Forum on Forests. It will continue to work closely with the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe.

Table 19.21 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To improve sustainable forest management, including the sound and legal use of wood, other forest products and services throughout the ECE region.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Increased understanding of sustainable forest management, notably the policies necessary to achieve it, based on increased ability to measure sustainable forest management at the national and regional levels	(a) (i) Increased percentage of ECE countries with national forest programmes or similar holistic forest sector policy frameworks *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 16 per cent Estimate 2006-2007: 50 per cent Target 2008-2009: 55 per cent (ii) Increased percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory data on indicators of sustainable forest management to the fifth Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 35 per cent Estimate 2006-2007: 60 per cent Target 2008-2009: 65 per cent
(b) Increased understanding of the sound use of wood, leading to policies to promote it and increased ability to monitor it	(b) (i) Increased percentage of ECE countries with policies in place on sound use of wood, whether as part of national forest programmes or not *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 20 per cent Estimate 2006-2007: 30 per cent Target 2008-2009: 40 per cent

	(ii) Increased percentage of ECE countries able to provide satisfactory responses to the ECE/FAO/International Tropical Timber Organization/Eurostat joint forest sector questionnaire (which monitors the sound use of wood) *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 78 per cent Estimate 2006-2007: 80 per cent Target 2008-2009: 80 per cent
(c) Increased capacity of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe to achieve sustainable forest management at the national level, notably by developing appropriate policy measures	(c) Increased number of countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe adopting national forest programmes *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 1 country Estimate 2006-2007: 8 countries Target 2008-2009: 10 countries

External factors

19.50 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that there is: (a) continued active country participation (e.g., attendance at meetings, contribution to teams of specialists, provision of data or reports); (b) continued partnership with FAO, including its provision of staff and non-staff resources to implement the integrated ECE/FAO programme in this field; and (c) continued partnership with the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe, which provides policy direction and high-level support for activities.

Outputs

19.51 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Timber Committee:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual meetings of the Bureau of the Committee (12); FAO European Forestry Commission (10); annual sessions of the Timber Committee (14);

b. Parliamentary documentation: annual reports on special topics to be identified (2); reports of the annual session of the Timber Committee, including its work programme (2); substantive reports on market conditions for forest products (2); substantive reports on support for the international forest dialogue (2);

(ii) Joint FAO/ECE Working Party on Forest Economics and Statistics:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Working Party (10);

b. Parliamentary documentation: reports of the annual sessions, including the work programme (2); substantive reports on forest resource information (2); substantive reports on markets/statistics (2); substantive reports on sector outlook studies (2);

(iii) Parliamentary documentation: substantive report on a special topic to be identified for the FAO European Forestry Commission (1); substantive report on emerging policy issues for the FAO European Forestry Commission (1); substantive report on recent policy developments for the FAO European Forestry Commission (1);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Recurrent publications: Forest Products Annual Market Review (2); International Forest Fire News (4); Outlook for Forest Product Markets by the Timber Committee (2);

(ii) Non-recurrent publications: Geneva timber and forest discussion papers on topics to be identified, including country profiles, certified forest product, outlook studies, forest resource assessment, etc. (8); Geneva timber and forest study papers on topics to be identified, including forest sector outlook, forest resource assessment, state of forest policies and institutions, trade and environment (3);

(iii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: ECE Timber Section quarterly newsletter (2);

(iv) Press releases, press conferences: press releases and publication of announcements according to the calendar of events and publications (2);

(v) Technical material: maintenance of a database on forest product production, consumption and trade, including prices and information on forest fires (2); maintenance of a database on forest resources (2); maintenance of a database on forestry assistance to countries with economies in transition (2); maintenance of a website providing meeting documents, excerpts of publications and information on activities related to the subprogramme (2);

(vi) Seminars for outside users: seminars/workshops on topics to be determined by the Timber Committee (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget): training courses, seminars and workshops: workshops on sector issues, including capacity-building, marketing and certification, with an emphasis on transition issues, with topics to be determined by the Timber Committee; workshops/seminars organized jointly with FAO and the Ministerial Conference on the Protection of Forests in Europe.

Table 19.22 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 7**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009 (before recosting)*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Regular budget				
Post	1 859.9	1 859.9	7	7
Non-post	48.7	52.0	—	—
Subtotal	**1 908.6**	**1 911.9**	**7**	**7**
Extrabudgetary	96.4	113.0	—	—
Total	**2 005.0**	**2 024.9**	**7**	**7**

19.52 The amount of $1,911,900, reflecting an increase of $3,300, is required for the continuation of seven posts and related non-post resources comprising consultants and experts and travel of staff. The increase of $3,300 under non-post resources reflects increased requirements for travel of staff in order to meet increasing demand to participate in timber-related meetings in locations where the use of the Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible.

Subprogramme 8
Housing, land management and population

Resource requirements (before recosting): $1,541,900

19.53 The work under the subprogramme will be carried out by the Environment, Housing and Land Management Division. The programme of work has been formulated by drawing on subprogramme 8 of programme 16 of the biennial programme plan for the period 2008-2009. The work of the subprogramme will focus on analysing the existing housing situation, maintenance, renewal and new construction, reviewing housing policies and providing policy recommendations. It will carry out capacity-building activities at the national and local levels to contribute to efficient and transparent governance and improvement of the urban environment. It will also continue to support the upgrading of land and real estate systems in order to provide secure ownership in land, investment and other private and public rights in real estate. The subprogramme will organize information exchanges and meetings that assist countries in population-related policymaking and facilitate the implementation of the final documents of regional and global conferences on population issues. Regional cooperation in data collection and research on the determinants of demographic choices, ageing and gender relations will be promoted. This cooperation will contribute to capacity-building at the national level.

Table 19.23 **Objectives for the biennium, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievement and performance measures**

Objective of the Organization: To improve housing and urban governance in the region as well as the necessary knowledge base on population issues, strengthening the formulation and implementation of policies and developing capacities at the national and local levels.

Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat	Indicators of achievement
(a) Improved national capacity for housing-related policy formulation and implementation, taking into consideration the socially disadvantaged groups of the population	(a) Increased number of countries engaged in an ECE results-oriented assessment of their housing policies, which has led to specific legal reforms and a broader range of housing opportunities *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 11 countries Estimate 2006-2007: 14 countries Target 2008-2009: 17 countries

(b) Enhanced development of and reforms in land administration to provide secure ownership in land, investment and other private and public rights in real estate	(b) Increased number of countries engaged in an ECE results-oriented assessment of their land administration systems, which has led to specific legal reforms and more transparent land management practices *Performance measures* 2004-2005: 13 countries Estimate 2006-2007: 16 countries Target 2008-2009: 20 countries
(c) Enhanced policy discussion on population issues based on the up-to-date knowledge emanating from the ECE cooperation programmes	(c) Increased number of countries that have adjusted their policies or taken new measures in the policy areas discussed in the meetings organized by the Population Activities Unit *Performance measures* 2004-2005: not available Estimate 2006-2007: 18 countries Target 2008-2009: 20 countries

External factors

19.54 The subprogramme is expected to achieve its objectives and expected accomplishments on the assumption that: (a) adequate national statistical data and information are available on the housing and land management situation, in particular for the preparation of the country profile studies on the housing sector and land administration reviews for countries with economies in transition; (b) political will and adequate institutions exist in member countries to implement the Committee's recommendations; (c) there is political will to support activities that improve the knowledge base for developing population-related policies; and (d) extrabudgetary resources are available for population-related activities.

Outputs

19.55 During the biennium, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget):

(i) Economic Commission for Europe:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: meetings on the follow-up to the Regional Conference on Ageing (3);

b. Parliamentary documentation: progress reports on activities in the field of population ageing (2); reports on specific topics related to population (2);

(ii) Committee on Housing and Land Management:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: annual sessions of the Committee (8); meetings of the Bureau of the Committee (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: background papers for in-depth discussions of the Committee (2); reports of the annual session of the Committee (2); reports on specific topics requested by the Committee (8);

(ii) Working Party on Land Administration:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings: biennial session of the Working Party (3);

b. Parliamentary documentation: background paper for in-depth discussion of the Working Party (1); report of the biennial session of the Working Party (1); reports on specific topics requested by the Working Party (4);

(b) Other substantive activities (regular budget):

(i) Non-recurrent publications: country profiles on the housing sector (2 in 2008; 1 in 2009) (4); annual policy guidelines for housing, spatial planning and land administration (2); study on gender and intergenerational relationships (1); study on population ageing (1);

(ii) Booklets, fact sheets, wallcharts, information kits: booklet and fact sheet on the activities of the Committee (2);

(iii) Press releases, press conferences: press releases (1 set in 2008; 1 set in 2009);

(iv) Technical material: maintenance of the websites providing access to information and documents related to activities of the subprogramme (2);

(c) Technical cooperation (regular budget and extrabudgetary):

(i) Advisory services: advisory missions on the implementation of the generations and gender programme; fact-finding and advisory missions for the preparation and follow-up of the country profiles on land administration and spatial planning;

(ii) Training courses, seminars and workshops: technical workshops related to population ageing; workshops and seminars on housing, land administration (including real estate) and spatial planning;

(iii) Field projects: generations and gender programme: meetings of the Consortium Board and International Working Group (6); archiving of microdata and a contextual database (macrodata) for international comparative research.

Table 19.24 **Resource requirements: subprogramme 8**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009 (before recosting)*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Regular budget				
Post	1 509.1	1 509.1	6	6
Non-post	29.5	32.8	—	—
Subtotal	**1 538.6**	**1 541.9**	**6**	**6**
Extrabudgetary	631.5	762.7	—	1
Total	**2 170.1**	**2 304.6**	**6**	**7**

19.56 The amount of $1,541,900, reflecting an increase of $3,300, is required for the continuation of six posts and related non-post resources comprising consultants and experts and travel of staff. The increase of $3,300 under non-post resources reflects increased requirements for travel of staff in order to meet the increasing demand to participate in housing, land management and population-related meetings in locations where the use of the Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible.

D. Programme support

Resource requirements (before recosting): $7,302,700

19.57 The programme support component comprises the Executive Office, the Information Systems Unit and the Technical Cooperation Unit. Services provided under this heading relate to budget and finance, human resources management, general and technical services, conference services, information technology services and coordination of functions for intersectoral and cross-sectoral activities.

Outputs

19.58 During the biennium 2008-2009, the following outputs will be delivered:

(a) Overall management: coordination of administrative support, including human resources, financial and budgetary support provided to ECE as a whole and the provision of guidance and supervision on the control, monitoring and reporting on the implementation of the ECE programme budget;

(b) General and technical service:

(i) Determination of ECE policy related to information technology strategies and acquisition plans; planning and coordination of informatic and telematic resources; collaborative work with service providers; and supervision, monitoring and control of all outsourced information technology operations;

(ii) Project management and establishment of information technology resources, provision of information technology services (Internet/Intranet, development of core ECE systems and groupware applications) to ECE divisions in support of the substantive programmes to improve cooperation with member States and other international organizations in the collection, dissemination and communication of information;

(iii) Acquisition of information technology equipment and other equipment and furniture, materials and supplies; desktop configuration and installation, including security measures such as anti-virus software; provision of help desk services to ECE as a whole; installation of new infrastructure systems and services such as an archiving/documentation infrastructure or a web content management system;

(iv) Operation and coordination of functions related to the Integrated Management Information System (or the future replacement system) within ECE;

(c) Conference services:

(i) Establishment and management of the ECE programme of meetings, related documentation, facilities and services required in close coordination with conference services at Geneva; arrangements for ECE meetings hosted outside Geneva by member Governments; and informal meetings held outside Geneva within the context of the ECE programme of workshops for countries with economies in transition;

(ii) Preparation and organization of the biennial session of ECE and required documentation and meeting services;

(d) Programme budget and accounts:

(i) Preparation of the biennial programme budget and financial performance reports in liaison with the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts;

(ii) Financial control and certification of all accounts under the responsibility of ECE in cooperation with the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts and the Financial Resources Management Service at the United Nations Office at Geneva;

(iii) Administration of technical cooperation activities and extrabudgetary resources within ECE, including regional advisory services under budget section 22, Regular programme of technical cooperation;

(e) Human resources management:

(i) Administration of ECE staff and other personnel, including recruitment, placement and career development, in coordination with the Human Resources Management Service of the United Nations Office at Geneva and the Office of Human Resources Management at Headquarters;

(ii) Identification of staff training needs, including the provision of training to upgrade professional skills and in-house training in computer applications and arrangements for appropriate courses in cooperation with the Staff Development and Learning Service, United Nations Office at Geneva;

(iii) Staff-management relations in the context of the ECE Sectoral Assembly and elected staff representatives;

(f) Technical cooperation management:

(i) Reporting on technical cooperation issues and activities for the biennial session of ECE and meetings of the Executive Committee;

(ii) Supporting and coordinating the monitoring and evaluation of ECE technical assistance activities, promoting the application of the evaluation findings and ensuring that those activities are in line with the ECE technical cooperation strategy;

(iii) Leading and providing secretariat support to the work of the ECE Working Group on Technical Cooperation and ensuring follow-up to that work;

(iv) Promoting and facilitating fund-raising in cooperation with ECE divisions and regional advisers, in particular the preparation of proposals for possible funding from the Development Account;

(v) Supporting and coordinating multisectoral/intersectoral technical assistance activities relating to ECE areas of expertise, including those developed within a subregional framework;

(vi) Facilitating the linking of ECE activities with the work of the relevant United Nations country teams, when appropriate;

(vii) Preparation of relevant inputs to the reports of the Secretary-General to the Economic and Social Council, the General Assembly and other intergovernmental bodies, as may be required by Headquarters.

Table 19.25 **Resource requirements: programme support**

	Resources (thousands of United States dollars)		*Posts*	
Category	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009 (before recosting)*	*2006-2007*	*2008-2009*
Regular budget				
Post	4 705.6	4 705.6	19	19
Non-post	2 597.1	2 597.1	—	—
Subtotal	**7 302.7**	**7 302.7**	**19**	**19**
Extrabudgetary	1 502.8	1 233.4	1	2
Total	**8 805.5**	**8 536.1**	**20**	**21**

19.59 The amount of $7,302,700 is required for the continuation of 19 posts and related non-post resources comprising other staff costs, consultants and experts, travel of staff, general operating expenses, supplies and materials, furniture and equipment and contributions to joint administrative services.

Table 19.26 **Summary of follow-up action taken to implement the relevant recommendations of the oversight bodies**

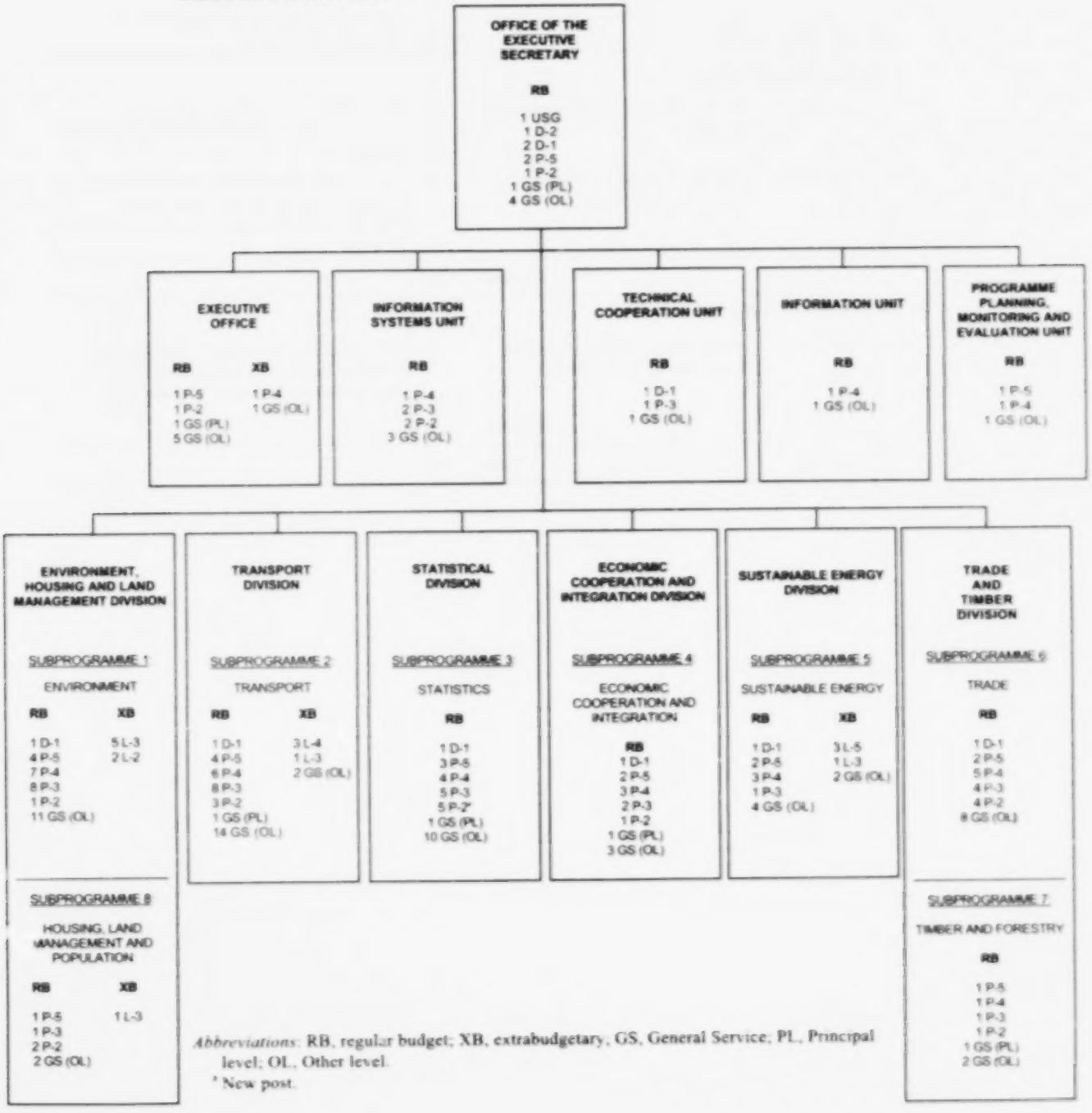
Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/60/7 and Corr.1)	
The Committee welcomes the projected increase in internal printing planned for the 2006-2007 biennium and requests ECE to limit the use of external printing to exceptional cases. The Committee requests ECE to report on progress in this area in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (para. V.50).	In view of the considerably large and modern printing facilities within the United Nations Office at Geneva, ECE printed publications are almost entirely produced internally. The same holds true for electronic CD-ROM publications, which are produced within the Office or even by ECE itself. In 2008-2009, the use of external printing would be limited to those that cannot be done in-house, e.g., the printing of the OECD explanatory brochures for agricultural quality standards, which is proposed to be transferred from OECD to ECE, as requested in the ECE reform programme. The brochures come in the form of loose-leaf pages printed on high-quality paper with high-quality photos kept in loose-leaf binders of a non-standard size. The binders cannot be produced and printed in-house, and the non-standard high-quality paper has to be purchased externally.

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
Nevertheless, in the light of the recent investments in information and communications technology and videoconferencing infrastructure and the improved connectivity of United Nations offices worldwide, the Committee is of the opinion that resources for travel should be decreasing rather than increasing. It requests that all efforts be made to limit travel, to combine trips and to use alternative methods of communication whenever possible. Savings should be reported in the next performance report (para. V.51).	Travel is undertaken by ECE staff when the use of the Internet or audio/videoconference facilities is not possible. To the extent possible, missions are scheduled back-to-back to save on travel costs. In 2006, ECE hosted 44 videoconferences (averaging 90 minutes each) and participated in 15 videoconferences hosted by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, compared with 34 organized in 2005 and 25 in 2004. Additionally, ECE staff regularly participated in videoconferences hosted by the United Nations Office at Geneva and by Headquarters (for meetings with the Office of Human Resources Management). While there is no discernible reduction in the cost of travel, the use of information and communications technology infrastructure has contributed to maintaining these costs at a minimum.
The Committee welcomes requests ECE to report on the use of videoconferencing and other means of electronic communication in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (para. V.52).	Please refer to action taken to address paragraph V.51 of the report of the Advisory Committee above.
The Committee points out that other commissions could benefit from the experience and expertise of ECE in formulating a common policy and standard methodology for monitoring and evaluation for all regional commissions. The Committee reiterates the need to actively exchange best practices, lessons learned and tools developed among the regional commissions (para. V.53).	Biennial evaluations of subprogramme performance by the sectoral committees are being introduced in ECE. ECE will share lessons learned with other regional commissions.
The Committee considers this type of "routine" budgeting method inappropriate for this object of expenditure, the budget for which should be determined on a case-by-case basis and limited to specific activities for which necessary expertise is not available in-house. The Committee requests that special attention be paid to this matter and that the United Nations regulations on the use of consultants be applied strictly (para. V.54).	Requirements for the use of consultants in ECE are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and are limited to instances in which no similar or equivalent expertise is available in-house, in accordance with the United Nations rules on the use of consultants. Estimated requirements for consultancy in 2008-2009 reflect a decrease from $443,400 to $398,300 (or 10 per cent), as compared with the 2006-2007 appropriation.

Brief description of the recommendation	*Action taken to implement the recommendation*
The Committee urges ECE to vigorously pursue its efforts to raise extrabudgetary funds and to report on the progress and/or difficulties experienced in this area in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 (para. V.55).	ECE will undertake a self-evaluation of its fund-raising activities in 2007 to decide whether an overall fund-raising strategy is necessary. Fund-raising efforts aimed at sectoral activities are usually addressed at the decentralized level, as divisions and regional advisers have better knowledge of and access to the institutions that are keen on supporting sector-based projects. Resource mobilization for cross-sectoral activities requires more coordinated interdivisional efforts and are normally carried out at the centralized level. ECE has been successful in raising extrabudgetary funds in the current biennium. The estimated level of expenditures to be financed from extrabudgetary resources in 2006-2007 has been revised upward from some $13.4 million reflected in the proposed programme budget for that biennium to $23.4 million. In 2008-2009, extrabudgetary expenditures are currently projected at approximately $23.7 million. ECE strives to remain an attractive partner for donors. It limits its involvement to circumscribed areas of work where it has recognized expertise. Traditional donors recognize this and continue to contribute to projects they support. The problem, as previously pointed out, is to attract larger non-earmarked contributions. The fact that there are no developing countries in the ECE region makes it difficult for some donor countries to contribute.

Economic Commission for Europe

Organizational structure and post distribution for the biennium 2008-2009



Abbreviations: RB, regular budget; XB, extrabudgetary, GS, General Service; PL, Principal level; OL, Other level.

[*] New post.

Annex

Outputs produced in 2006-2007 not to be carried out in the biennium 2008-2009

A/60/6, paragraph	*Output*	*Quantity*	*Reason for discontinuation*
Subprogramme 2, Transport			
19.35 (a) (xiv) a.	Ad Hoc Meeting on Implementation of AGN	12	Work on AGN will be dealt with at the meetings of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport
19.35 (a) (xiv) b.	Reports of the Ad Hoc Meeting on Implementation of AGN	2	The Ad Hoc Meetings have been discontinued; work on AGN will be dealt with at the meetings of the Working Party on Inland Water Transport
	Subtotal	**14**	
Subprogramme 5, Sustainable energy			
19.47 (a) (i) a.	Ad Hoc Group of Experts on Coal in Sustainable Development	8	Decision of the Committee on Sustainable Energy at its fifteenth session and of the Executive Committee at its 11th meeting
	Subtotal	**8**	
	Total	**22**	